s one of Europe's capitals of rich culture and tradition, Vienna has long been a worldknown favourite destination for tourists. That is primarily the result of numerous cultural-historical monuments from the era of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, as well as the diverse cultural offering and the reputation of a musical capital, which served as home for such famous musicians like Beethoven and Mozart. The city centre ("Innenstadt") features the magnificent St. Stephen Cathedral and numerous monuments that are present on the lists of world's cultural heritage. That same area features the Vienna City Opera ("Wiener Staatsoper"), Karntner Street, which is the most frequent pedestrian zone in Austria with famous hotels, coffee bars and pastry shops, and the famous Ring Street that surrounds the city centre like a gigantic ring. Since 1980, Vienna also features a vivacious night scene with restaurant neighbourhoods, art galleries, nightclubs, jazz bars and all kinds of events.

Throughout the course of a year, Vienna is visited by numerous tourists, businessmen and passengers, which demands the daily increase of the diverse and rich offering of hotels. One of the most innovative hotels that have recently been opened is The Levante Parliament Hotel in the very city centre. Located near the Parliament and City Hall buildings, just a few minutes from the famous St. Stephen Cathedral, Levante Hotel was created by redecorating a modernistic 1908 building in great detail and in "Bauhaus" style, which reminded us that Vienna has always been the capital of architecture and style. However, within this modernistic building, a team of architects, designers and artists has created a post-modernistic, entirely unconventional and original hotel. Their basic concept was to create a pure and ethereal space without too many decorations, as well as with implemented modern technological achievements, functionality and comfort, while they drew inspiration for the design from four main elements. Natural materials, such as wood and stone, symbolize the earth; spacious rooms with 3,3-metre high ceilings, a large lobby and plenty of outdoor spaces symbolize the air; straight and pure lines symbolize the water, while the concept of passion and fire, much like the artistic impression, was created by original glass sculptures with bright-red colours and unusual shapes.

Hotel-Gallery

We are talking about the works of famous Romanian artist Ioan Nemtoi, who has dedicated his entire life to designing glass. He owns an art workshop in his native country as well as several galleries throughout the world, and his imaginative and playful glass statues dominate interiors and exteriors at Levante Hotel, which thus also functions as a large gallery space. The restaurant interior is completely dedicated to Nemtoi's glass compositions, and it's worth mentioning that he also designed the large glass bar with cylindrical red constructions. Bar and restaurant are dominated by pastel colours and dark wood, which create complete contrast and further emphasize the large and playful red-glass volumes. The hotel's lobby and reception also serve as a gallery for Nemtoi's hand-made creations,

